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taking sides with the Depressed Classes as against the Kallars. Therefore, the situation has to be handled very carefully. I have impressed this fact upon the District Officers. There was no trouble for sometime until July last. I am prepared now to send the Labour Commissioner to see that cordial relationship is brought about between the two communities."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Is it not a fact that the Police are joining the side of the Kallars in this affair?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have no information. I do not think it is the business of the Police to take sides. I shall ask Mr. Souter to enquire on the specific point."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Considering the fact that this is not the first time but one of a series of troubles we have had in that district of Ramnad and considering the fact that last year this Council passed a resolution that a committee should be appointed and that Government declined to appoint a committee, may I ask what steps the Government have taken to prevent a recrudescence of the trouble, now that it has happened again in a serious form?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As a matter of fact, the attention of the District Magistrate was drawn to the debate held here on the subject, and it was suggested that he should use his influence to see that these things did not recur. As far as I could see, there was no trouble till about July last. I am now asking the Labour Commissioner to make an enquiry and to go into the root cause of the trouble and to see what could be done in order to promote harmony between the two communities."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—STATEMENT REGARDING THE HEALTH OF MR. SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE (A STATE PRISONER).

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Mr. President, yesterday, I gave notice of two short-notice questions concerning the health of Mr. Subash Chandra Bose. In view of the fact that notice was not waived by the hon. the Law Member and in view of the fact that the matter is very important and urgent, I request you to see that information is given to us regarding the health of the prisoner."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As my hon. Friend stated, Sir, he gave me a short-notice question yesterday afternoon regarding certain particulars concerning Mr. Subash Chandra Bose. I said that I could not waive notice, and give the answer to-day. Mr. Subash Chandra Bose about whom my hon. Friend wants information, I may state, he is not our prisoner. He is not a prisoner who has

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been convicted or who has been kept as a State prisoner by this Government. He is a prisoner of State kept in our custody by the Government of India.

11-30 a.m. "He was formerly kept in custody by the Government of India in one of the jails in the Central Provinces. The Government of India sent Mr. Subash Chandra Bose to this Government with a view to have him examined by an X-Ray apparatus, apparently for the reason that in the particular jail in the Central Provinces where he was confined they have no X-Ray apparatus. I may assure my Friend and the House generally that after he was brought to Madras he has not become worse than when he was sent from that prison. The best possible attention is being paid to him and the utmost care is being taken of his health by the medical authorities here. Seeing that he is a State prisoner, and seeing that he has been sent by the Government of India with instructions to this Government to keep him in the Penitentiary, according to the standing instructions of the Government of India regulating matters like this, this Government is not in a position to divulge the contents of the correspondence that is now going on between the local Government and the Government of India regarding Mr. Subash Chandra Bose. I may state this however, namely, that the correspondence now going on between the Central Government and this Government is in the interests of Mr. Subash Chandra Bose. As I said, every possible attention is being paid to his health and every possible care is being taken of him, and he is not worse than when he arrived here." (Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: 'Not better.')

* Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Let me express the gratefulness of the House for the very detailed statement of the hon. the Law Member, though at one time he did not allow the question to be answered with short notice. I think he has given all that is required in answer to that question. But what is wanted now by the friends of Mr. Bose or those who are interested in his health is not the removal of that person from this Presidency or this jail, but having regard to the health of that person and having regard also to the fact that he has lost as much as 42 lbs. in weight, whether it would not be possible for the Government to confine him in one of the wards of the General Hospital, so that he may not be compelled to go there for treatment every time he is required by the medical authorities. That is what we require, and nothing more. I suppose that Mr. Bose could be kept as a prisoner even in the General Hospital by giving him a room and keeping him under Police vigilance as is done in the case of our own prisoners."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"As regards the last question of Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chettiyar, I may tell him that the correspondence now going on between this Government and the Government of India consists of telegraphic correspondence and written correspondence. As soon as the final opinions of the Government of India are received in this matter, their wishes will be carried out."